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LOK SABHA

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MSP FOR SERICULTURE COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Silk Board has submitted a proposal for Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme for sericulture commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c): There has been requests from major silk producing states namely Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu for the introduction of Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme for sericulture sector. Based on the proposal received from these States, the Government of India, has asked the Central Silk Board to prepare a scheme on price support mechanism for providing necessary relief to the farmers and reelers to compensate the loss incurred by them due to distress sale. A Committee has been constituted by the Central Silk Board for preparation of a proposal on the price support mechanism based on the cost of production of cocoons and raw silk in different States. The concerned State Departments of Sericulture of different States have been requested by the Central Silk Board to furnish the cost of production for cocoon and raw silk (variety-wise) pertaining to their States for working out the amount to be compensated during distress sales.